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SUBJ: ECEVIT REVIEWS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RPP CARETAKER GOVERNMENT

1. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN HURRIYET UGUST 13 AND 14,
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT DISCUSSED,
AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE SUCCESSES HE BELIEVED WERE ACHIEVED
BY HIS PARTY'S MINORITY GOVERNMENT DURING ITS ONE MONTH IN
POWER FOLLOWING THE JUNE 5 ELECTIONS.

2. ECEVIT IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE PROVED IN A MONTH IN
POWER WHAT A SUCCESSFUL GOVERNMENT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD
WE RECEIVED A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE." IN THE INTERNATIONAL
FIELD, ECEVIT CLAIMED THAT THE RPP GOVERNMENT HAD PUT AN
END TO PRESSURE FROM THE COMMON MARKET. IT HAD "ELIMINATED
CONCERNS" OVER THE VAROSHA AREA OF CYPRUS, AND IN THE
AEGEAN IT TOOK SOME IMPORTANT STEPS BEHIND THE SCENES TO
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SECURE TURKISH RIGHTS (ECEVIT DID NOT DESCRIBE THESE STEPS).

3. INTERNALLY, THE RPP GOVERNMENT CONDUCTED HIGHER
EDUCATION ENTRANCE EXAMS WITHOUT A SINGLE INCIDENT THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY, ECEVIT NOTED. IT PAID OFF FARMERS WHO FOR
MONTHS HAD NOT RECEIVED PAYMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT. IT PUT
AN END TO WHAT ECEVIT CHARACTERIZED AS THE ILLEGAL

OCCUPATION OF TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT). IT ALSO RESTORED THE RIGHTS OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS WHICH WERE LOST THROUGH ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR ILLEGAL DECISIONS. IT SOLVED SEVERAL CHRONIC LABOR STRIKES THROUGH DEMOCRATIC RECONCILIATION AND BROUGHT A PARTIAL SOLUTION TO THE ELECTRICAL -ENERGY SHORTAGE PROBLEM. IN ADDITION, IT SAVED MANY MUNICIPALITIES FROM FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, AT LEAST FOR A SHORT TIME, ACCELERATED WHEAT EXPORTS, AND " PREVENTED THE LOSS OF SOME MILITARY EQUIPMENT BECAUSE OF HARD CURRENCY SHORTAGES" (APPARENTLY A REFERENCE TO F-4 PURCHASES). IN ADDITION, ECEVIT CLAIMED, THE RPP GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTED A NUMBER OF COUNCIL OF STATE RULINGS AND SIGNED A LARGE NUMBER OF DECREES WHICH HAD BEEN NEGLECTED DUE TO INTRA-COALITION STRIFE IN THE PREVIOUS COALITION GOVERNMENT. FINALLY, THE RPP GOVERNMENT FILLED MANY RELIGIOUS POSITIONS WHICH HAD BEEN UNOCCUPIED FOR SOME TIME.

4. ECEVIT ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE RPP IS PREPARED TO COME TO POWER AGAIN AT ANY MINUTE, IS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT CLOSELY, AND DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE AN OPPOSITION PARTY FOR LONG.

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